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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration. Claim 18 was amended in the Amendment filed 31 January 2005. The examiner stated in the Advisory Action that claim 18 introduces new issues not previously considered. Accordingly, applicants file an RCE to have that Amendment, as well as the Amendment filed on 14 March 2005, entered and considered.

In the Advisory Action, the examiner argues that none of the claims explicitly recite "externally outputting." Yes the claims do not in verbatim recite the word "externally" next to the word "outputting." But the examiner's argument is disingenuous because the claims 1 and 18 require exactly that. Specifically, claims 1 and 18 recite "abnormal condition output means for outputting signals based on abnormal condition detecting signals outputted ... to OUTSIDE." [Emphasis added]. If the examiner is not interpreting this language as "externally outputting the abnormal condition signals," then applicants submit that the examiner has not accorded proper meaning. Alternatively, applicants are certainly willing to change this language to recite "externally outputting" as the present claims require exactly that.

As to the examiner's statement concerning Barritt, again, the examiner is mistaken. Applicants argued that neither Cameron nor Barritt would have taught externally outputting abnormality factor discriminating signals. Applicants attacked the combination or rather the lack of motivation for the combination.

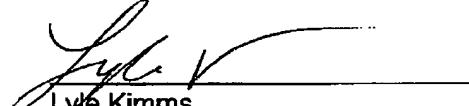
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Applicants submit that claims 1-19 patentably distinguish over the applied references as the applied references would not have motivated Cameron to externally output abnormality factor discriminating signals. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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